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THE NEW LEVY COURT

The non-organizing Legislature has taken up so much space in the public eye of late that no consideration appears to be given to the Levy Court. This body is starting out to try and follow the example set by its predecessor, except the members say they will not permit the tax rate at such a figure as will compel the carrying of an immense balance in the Farmers Bank. This means that the tax rate will be again reduced this year. A little thing occurred on last Tuesday that seems to have escaped the attention that it should have received. A proposition was made by Mr. Scott to draw money from the County Treasury by a resolution that had not been approved by the Comptroller to pay the premium on certain Fire Insurance policies. Mr. Scott has served eight years under the present law governing the Levy Court, and knows better than does any other member of the Levy Court that such action is in direct conflict with Section 17 of the act passed on April 28, 1891, which says, "All bills before allowance by said Levy Court Commissioners, be audited and marked 'correct' by the said Comptroller, and no bills shall be passed by the said Levy Court Commissioners without such indorsement." It may be that this apparently simple case taken advantage of to establish a precedent. With the record of the old Levy Courts before them, the Republican members should be on the watch for other simple tricks. There are more of them back.

FAREWELL

Announcement is made of the severing of editorial relations heretofore existing between George B. Hynson and the *Evening Journal*, the former having resigned to take the position of advertising manager for a manufacturing corporation. We sincerely regret Mr. Hynson's departure from the journalism of Delaware, as he was ever bright and often snappy. We have, at times, been forced to disagree with his expressed views on certain questions affecting the Republican political situation or policy, but have always believed that he was honest in his opinion and have never asked anything else of him as to our position. We hope that Mr. Hynson may have all the success in his new field of labor that his worth deserves.

FIGHTING A BIG CANAL

"An effort is being made to show that the action of the voters of New York in sanctioning the expenditure of \$100,000,000 to build a barge canal through the state was unconstitutional. Contracts already made have been stopped and bonds are not to be sold for the present. The allegation is made that the railroad companies are opposed to the canal for obvious reasons, while the opponents of the great project take the ground that the canal as provided for would be valueless. If a nine-foot canal would be of no use then there should be no protests from the railroads. Perhaps, however, there is an unselfish desire to have the people save their money. "There is a rapid drifting back to the more general use of natural and artificial gateways, and the Panama canal is designed to save thousands of miles and days of time for vessels having business on the two great oceans. Everywhere there is talk of canals, and even in Delaware there is an opening for a ship canal that would be of incalculable advantage to coast commerce. New York has a canal system already, and the people have voted to improve that system. Water freight rates are lower than railroad rates, and for goods not intended for quick delivery the water routes are to be preferred naturally. "Now that the fight against the new canal project in New York is taking shape it will have to be aired in court. 'Eminent counsel' has been engaged to fight the canal expenditure authorized by the people who are to furnish the money, and the people must pay for meeting the obstructionists. The situation is certainly interesting for New

York. The canal scheme was pronounced feasible and contracts already awarded were below the estimates made. That was a good beginning, but the proceedings just started will make the enforced expenditure of thousands of dollars for legal expenses. Nevertheless we may expect New York to get its much-needed barge canal some day."

Morning News

DEPUTY ATTORNEY HASTINGS

Attorney-General Robert H. Richards Wednesday announced the appointment of Daniel O. Hastings, of the legal firm of Conrad & Hastings, to be deputy attorney-general. Mr. Hastings is a Republican, and while he has been practicing law but three years he has come rapidly to the front. He is regarded as one of the ablest of the youngest lawyers of Wilmington, and has already achieved distinction at the bar in many cases.

Mr. Richards offered the appointment of deputy to Mr. Hastings and Mr. Hastings accepted it. The position carries with it a salary of \$1,000 a year, and is for four years.

Mr. Hastings is about 30 years old, and was born in Somerset county, Md. He was educated in the district schools and at Washington Academy, Princes Anne, Md. He has resided in Wilmington for ten years and for several years was a clerk in the freight department of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Later Mr. Hastings secured a clerical position in Washington, and at the same time studied law in the Columbian Law School, being registered as a student with Herbert H. Ward.

Mr. Hastings was admitted to the bar in September, 1901, and in January, 1902, associated with Henry C. Conrad, under the firm name of Conrad and Hastings, since which time he has been actively practicing his profession. He lives at Greenbank, Mill Creek hundred.

Generally the appointment by Attorney-General Richards is regarded as one of the best that could be made, and while Mr. Richards and Mr. Hastings will comprise the youngest prosecutors the state has had, within the recollection of the oldest lawyers, at the same time they are regarded as of excellent ability and eminently qualified for their duties.

CHESAKEAKE CITY ITEMS

Mr. George Houck is quite ill at his home. Frank Jefferson has returned to Lehigh University. Mrs. D. P. Boulden visited Philadelphia last week.

Miss Florence Egee has been visiting Miss Helen Clayton near town.

Mr. John Blansfield, of Philadelphia, visited his sister, Mrs. William Giles, last week.

The International Sunshine Society met on Thursday evening of this week.

Mrs. William T. Mase, of Baltimore, has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Annie Conroy.

Miss Katherine Ferguson has been spending a few days with her sister in Philadelphia.

The Daughters of Confederacy met at the home of Mrs. Bennett Steele last Tuesday evening.

Miss Elsie Karsner, Lucy Reed and Mr. Harry Howard have been visiting Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Graves at Marietta, Pa.

Miss Fannie Woodall, of Georgetown, Md., and Miss Sallie Woodall, of Baltimore, are visiting Mrs. James S. Hopper.

Dr. Thomas J. Conroy has returned to town and has opened an office in the house recently occupied by Mr. John Loveless nearly opposite to his home.

Last week was the annual "Week of Prayer" in the Presbyterian Church, and Sunday was Communion Sunday. Rev. S. M. Perry has been with us fifteen years last Sunday.

Presiding Elder Mowbray preached in the Methodist church on Sunday evening. Rev. Mr. Lightbourn will help Rev. Mr. Dashiell with his extra service during the present week.

The Odd Fellows' fair was quite a success financially, \$97 being cleared. Mr. Harry Price won the ton of coal; Banks Queck the pig, Miss Jennie Biddle the lamp; Mr. William Boren the harness.

The Ericsson Line Steamers left Philadelphia and Baltimore on Tuesday of last week, the Ericsson passed through here in good time but was caught in the ice down the bay. The Groves ran around at Millers light below Pooles Island and did not arrive here until Thursday afternoon.

A colored man named George Washington professing to be a minister and a cousin of Booker T. Washington, has been holding meetings in the new colored church here. He borrowed an overcoat from Frank Dyer and left for parts unknown, this was before Christmas and the coat has not been returned. When he left town he hired a man to take him half way to Elkton which he did.

The Euchre Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Clayton on Thursday, where they were entertained by Mrs. Clayton and Mrs. Caleb N. Price. The ladies prizes were won by Misses Alice Boulden and Mary G. Steele, the gentlemen's prizes by Messrs. Frank B. Howard and Byron Bouchelle, Jr. The Club will meet at the home of Miss Harriet Morgan next Thursday evening.

BLUE HEN'S CHICKENS

"This sobriquet is said to have had its origin in a certain Captain Caldwell's fondness for the amusement of cock-fighting. Caldwell was for a time an officer of the First Delaware Regiment in the war of the Revolution, and was greatly distinguished for his daring and undaunted spirit. He was exceedingly popular in the regiment, and its high state of discipline was generally conceded to be due to his exertions; so that when officers were sent on recruiting service to enlist men in order to fill vacancies caused by death or otherwise, it was a saying, that they had gone home for more of Caldwell's gamecocks; but as Caldwell insisted that no cock could be truly game unless the mother was a blue hen, the expression Blue Hen's Chickens was instituted for 'game-cocks.' There are other stories as to the origin of this name, but this one is the most authentic. Caldwell lived on a farm near Woodside, Kent county."—E.

A PROSPEROUS YEAR

Dover, Jan. 12th.—The fifty-fourth annual meeting of the stockholders of the Delaware Railroad Company was held here at noon today. President H. F. Kenney submitted a report showing a remarkable increase in the business of the concern. In the course of his report he said: "The passenger earnings show a slight gain, but the freight earnings a continued substantial increase. A portion of this was due to the larger revenue from the fruit traffic, and the balance is due to an increase in general traffic and in lumber received from your southern connections."

Mr. Kenney stated that the extraordinary expenditure of \$120,448.26, charged against income, practically covers the cost of double tracking the road, which he itemized at length.

He continued: "The interest charges and taxes were practically the same as for the preceding year, and after paying the regular dividend of six per cent. and charging against income the \$120,448.26, the amount of extraordinary expenditures during the year, there remained net earnings of \$168,174.61, which was carried to the credit of profit and loss account."

The request was that 978 tons of new steel rails have been laid during the year, and feeling reference is made to the death of E. Tammall Warner, of Wilmington, vice-president of the company.

The gross earnings were \$2,111,578.54, an increase over 1903 of \$155,684.83. The gross expenses were \$1,542,861, an increase over the previous year of \$51,803.28.

These directors were elected: Henry F. Kenney, William H. Swift, Samuel Bancroft, John P. Green, Samuel Rea, Murray Vandever, W. T. Vescott, James J. Ross, William T. Watson, Ezekiah Harrington, Thomas Curry, W. T. Records, W. O. Hofferker, Manlove Hayes, William W. Lobdell was elected to succeed E. Tammall Warner, deceased.

The directors elected the following officers for the ensuing year: H. F. Kenney, president; John P. Green, vice-president; Manlove Hayes, secretary and treasurer.

THE INAUGURATION

The General Assembly about to realize of its obligation to the name of the commonwealth and the courtesy and respect that should be accorded Governor-elect Lea Tuesday, and unanimously appointed a committee of eight to arrange for inauguration ceremonies that will uphold the dignity of the state. Senator Pennell introduced in the Senate and Representative Lyons in the House resolutions for the appointment of a joint committee to arrange for the inauguration ceremonies. The committee comprises Senators Pennell, Mendinall, Monaghan, and Representatives Armstrong, Lyons, Denney, Smith and Pretyman. Senator Pennell will be chairman and Representative Smith secretary.

The inauguration committee settled down to work immediately and appointed the various sub-committees as follows: Music, Mendinall and Monaghan; entertainment, Lyons and Armstrong; inaugural ball, Denney; reception, Pennell; parade, Smith. There is also a committee on transportation to try to get reduced railroad rates. Major Edmund Mitchell, of Wilmington, will probably be chief marshal of the parade that will act as an escort for Governor-elect Lea. The First Delaware Infantry, headed by the First Infantry Band, and the Delaware Cadets will comprise the escort for Mr. Lea. Governor Hunn has tendered the militia as an escort, and the inaugural committee has about completed its arrangements for the transportation and care of the troops.

The inauguration ceremonies will take place at noon, probably in the county court room, and the inaugural reception will be held in the evening, also probably in the court room. The inaugural ball will be held in the Hotel Richardson and the large dining-room will be cleared for the dancing.

TOWNSEND

Mrs. Mary Vanhorn spent several days in Philadelphia recently.

Mrs. Isaac Talley and daughter were guests of Mrs. Isaac Staats over Sunday.

Mrs. George Watts entertained last week Mrs. Mollie Hendrick, of Arlington, Md.

The Union of the Townsend M. E. Church held a meeting last Saturday evening.

Mrs. Gertrude Gibson and daughter, of Kent Island, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Hutchison.

Mrs. Edward Graves has returned to her home after visiting her sister, Mrs. Jennie Van Sant, in Wilmington.

Mrs. Harry Hart and son have returned to their home in Philadelphia, after spending sometime with relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Marvel will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding on Saturday, January 21st.

The revival services of Townsend M. E. Church are continuing with increased interest. There have been several conversions.

Mrs. Minnie Greer and daughter, of Millington, Md., have returned to their home after spending a few days in town.

The local Auxiliary of the Women's Home Missionary Society met Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. John Latomus.

Joseph C. Hutchison who has been a clerk in the store of J. S. and W. Latomus for some years, has resigned his position and will soon take charge of the Clark farm near New Castle.

Mr. Hudson, manager of the Middletown shirt factory has moved his family from North Carolina to Townsend, and is occupying the home on Main street recently vacated by Mr. Winfield Latomus.

A SUMPTUOUS BANQUET

The two newly elected directors of the Millington, Md., Building and Loan Association gave a sumptuous banquet Tuesday evening, at Hotel Bailey, to the officers and directors of the Association. Among those present were: Mr. John P. Ahearn, president; Prof. Henry Tonkin, secretary; Mr. Joseph Mallon, treasurer; directors, Messrs. R. W. Comery; R. E. Feddeman, B. W. Duling and Leonard Wilson. Mr. J. E. Higman was a special guest of Mr. Duling. This association is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and its business continues to increase as the years pass.

RETURNS ARE CANVASED

Dover, Del., January 12th.—Not until this morning were the returns of the vote for governor and lieutenant-governor cast on November 8th canvassed officially. Preston Lea being certified as the governor elected and I. Thomas Parker as the lieutenant-governor chosen. The official returns were opened and the results were published this morning by Lieutenant-Governor Philip L. Cannon, as president of the Senate, in the presence of the House and Senate in joint session.

Promptly at 11 o'clock the members of the Senate, preceded by President Cannon, who was escorted by Sergeant-at-Arms Lang, of that body, marched to the House chamber where the Lieutenant-Governor took the chair. Acting Secretaries Barnard, of the Senate, and Armstrong of the House, called the roll of the respective houses at his direction. J. Edward Goolee, assistant secretary of the Senate, acted as reading clerk.

Lieutenant-Governor Cannon then produced a sealed certificate from the courts of the three counties and formally announced that he proposed to publish and canvass the same. On motion of Senator Connor, President Cannon appointed Senator Mendinall and Representative Benson as tellers, while Walter H. Hayes was delegated to announce the vote as given in the certificate. The certificate stated that in New Castle County 12,086 votes had been cast for Preston Lea, Republican; 11,511 for Caleb S. Pennell, Democrat; 329 for John R. Price, Prohibitionist; 131 for Gustav Reinick, Socialist; and 802 for Joseph H. Chandler, Regular Republican.

In Kent the vote was: Lea, 4564; Pennell, 3835; Price, 105. The vote in Sussex was: Lea, 5882; Pennell, 4434; Price, 154.

The total vote in the State was: Lea, 22,532; Pennell, 19,780. Lea's plurality, 2,752. The total Prohibition vote for Price was 588.

The vote for lieutenant-governor was as follows: New Castle County, Isaac Thomas Parker, Republican, 12,978; James R. Clements, Democrat, 11,383; Thomas Perry, Prohibitionist, 341; Paul Scheurer, Socialist, 133.

Kent—Parker, 4594; Clements, 3797; Perry, 114.

Sussex—Parker, 5891; Clements, 4424; Perry, 150.

The total vote for Parker was 23,463, and for Clements, 19,804; Parker's plurality, 3559.

Lieutenant-Governor-elect Parker was present and heard the official proclamation, but he will formally be notified along with Mr. Lea.

At the direction of the lieutenant-governor, the secretaries prepared the official certificates of election and they were signed by Philip L. Cannon, president of the Senate; William H. Hayes, temporary speaker of the House; Remsen C. Barnard, temporary secretary of the Senate, and John P. Armstrong, temporary secretary of the House.

It is unnecessary to record that the deadlock over organization still exists, and everything is in abeyance until Governor-elect Lea announces the appointment of his secretary of state or until after the inauguration of Mr. Lea Tuesday next. In the House but one ballot was taken, and in the Senate two ballots were taken, without any material change in the situation, and both branches recessed until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Acquitted of Constable Murder

ELKTON, Md., January 12th.—John Holland, the negro who has been on trial in the Cecil County Court since January 2d on the charge of murdering Albert Constable, the Maryland lawyer, was declared not guilty last night and was immediately granted his freedom. William Hoops, who was also charged with being implicated in the crime with Holland, and who asked for a separate trial, was granted his release from prison the charge against him being dropped by the court.

JANUARY FORECASTS

The next regular storm period is central on the 11th, extending from the 9th to the 13th. As early as the 9th it will turn warmer and the barometer will begin falling in western extremes. By the 11th the conditions will have fully developed and general rains will appear, with probable lightning and thunder southward. A decidedly low barometer will attend these disturbances, and high winter gales will come out of the west and north, turning into heavy, drifting snow and blizzards on and touching the 11th, 12th and 13th. Heavy Atlantic coast gales, will come in from the east and northwest, to meet the low barometer pressure advancing from the west during the progress of this period.

A reactionary storm period is central on the 16th, 17th and 18th, during which day a general cloudiness and threatening weather conditions will prevail. A Mercury perturbation begins in this reactionary period, which will tend to prolong threatening conditions into the regular storm period running from the 20th to the 26th. Change to high barometer, west winds and cold may follow on and touching the 18th and 19th but such will be of short duration and attended by more or less storminess, snow and sleet.

Perhaps the most general and severe disturbances of the month will occur in the regular storm period, which is central on the 23d. This storm period will be characterized by one of the most depressed barometric waves of the whole month, or perhaps of the whole winter. Thick and prolonged cloudiness will prevail, rains will visit most parts of the country but heavy and general sleet and snow may be counted on from Saturday the 21st to Wednesday the 25th.

The 28th and 29th are central days of reactionary disturbance, and touching which dates may be expected a return of storm conditions—falling barometer, rising temperature, growing cloudiness, ending in areas of rain and snow passing eastward across the country. High barometer and much colder weather will rush in behind the storms and spread over the country during the closing days of the month. —Word and Works.

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FRED E. BACH, Register of Wills.

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned on the second day of November A. D. 1904 and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same duly attested to the said Executor on or before the second day of November 1905, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

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